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CHAPTER ONE

Several months ago we broadcast a series of messages on the subject, "Russia and the Final War." So much has happened since then to corroborate what we said at that time, and the developments of recent weeks have borne out so many of the predictions we made from the Word of God, that we feel constrained to bring another series of messages on this same subject. Then too, recent events have brought to light many new details concerning Russia's tactics, her plans and policies which have helped us to better understand some things in the Word of God which were somewhat obscure before. Because of these facts, and because of the unusual response to the broadcast on "Russia" we feel very definitely led of the Lord to bring another series along this same line, as a sequel to the series given at the time. It might interest you to know we have sent out almost 100,000 copies of that recent booklet on "Russia." We shall call these messages, "Russia and the United Nations in Prophecy", and again base our exposition largely upon the clear teaching of Ezekiel 38 and 39.

Of necessity, we shall repeat some things which we said before, and then add a great many details which have become more clear since that time. May I suggest, therefore, that if you wish to get the most out of these messages, that you read first, very carefully and repeatedly, these two chapters in Ezekiel and I am sure that you will be amazed at the clarity of God's revelation concerning Russia, and how the Bible predicted over 2,500 years ago the very things which are happening today. A great deal of additional light has been shed upon the most recent events and developments in the far east by this amazing record in these two chapters.

WHO ARE GOG AND MAGOG?

The nations described in Ezekiel 38 and 39 are called "Gog and Magog." So the first question we shall answer is the question of the identity of Gog and Magog. Here is the record in Ezekiel 38:

"And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords."
Ezekiel 38:1-4

In identifying Gog and Magog, we desire to have you notice five definite things mentioned by God in these chapters:

1. The meaning of the words, "Gog and Magog."
2. The regions from which they come.
3. Her allies in this great struggle.
4. Her policy, aims and program.
5. The time of her rise.

THE MEANING OF THE NAME, GOG

From the very earliest religious writings we find that Bible students have identified Gog as the end-time ruler, or the Prince of Russia, and Magog as the land of Gog, or the land of the Prince of Russia. My pulpit commentary suggests this interpretation, and the great scholar, Gesenius, makes Gog and Magog to be the Ruler of Russia, and the land of Russia. My Bible encyclopedia definitely identifies Gog and Magog as the farthestmost northern nations dwelling in the regions of the Caucasus and the Volga. A more accurate translation, it is pointed out, for the expression, "Gog and Magog the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal", would be "Gog of the land Magog, the Prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal."

The word, "chief", is the word "Rosh" in the original, so that Gog is actually called "the Prince of Russia." Magog refers to the country of Russia, and Gog is the Prince of the Russia of the last days. History further reveals that Magog (the second son of Japheth in Genesis 10:1-2) and his descendants migrated early to the north in the region now occupied by Russia. The two other names, Meshech and Tubal, apply to the two chief cities of Magog, namely Moscow and the ancient Tobolsk. This has been the consensus of Bible expositors' opinion from its very earliest days. Magog is Russia; Gog its ruler of the latter days.

ITS LOCATION

We come now to the second identification of Gog as the prince, and Magog as the land of Russia. The location from which Gog comes in Ezekiel 38 and 39, definitely describes Russia, and can apply to no other nation. Quoting just a few passages will make this clear. In Ezekiel 39:2 we read that God will:

"Cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel."

In verse six of chapter 38, they are said to come from the north quarters. Again, in verse 15 we read:

"And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army."
Ezekiel 38:15

Gog will, according to the Word of God descend upon the land of Israel from the extreme north. Remember in this connection, that directions in Scripture are always in relation to Israel and Palestine. North in the Bible is always "North of Palestine." South is "South of Palestine", and so with East and with West. We now have two identification marks:

1. Gog means Russia.
2. He comes from the extreme north, in the region where Russia today is holding forth.

ITS ALLIES

We come now to the third revelation in these chapters. Russia's allies are identified and called, "Persia, Ethiopia,

Lybia, Gomer and Togarmah. The first to strike our attention is Persia. In 1932, only 19 years ago, Moscow signed a treaty with Persia, providing in the event of war, free access of Russia through the land of Persia to the Middle East and to Palestine. In 1935, three years after this treaty, the name of Persia was changed to Iran, so prominent in the news today.

The next nation mentioned is Ethiopia. This evidently does not refer to the African Ethiopia, for there was also an ancient Ethiopia, called in Scripture, "Cush", and was located in the region of Babylon adjoining the land of Persia. This is most likely, in the light of recent events, the Ethiopia of Ezekiel 38.

The same is true of Libya, the third nation mentioned as being allied with Gog. The old name for Libya was "Phut", another ancient Bible land in the same geographical location as Persia, and Ethiopia, to the south of Russia.

The next nation, Gomer, offers no difficulty, as practically all expositors agree that it has reference to Eastern Germany. And then the last nation mentioned is Togarmah, identified as the nations of central Asia, traditional enemies of Israel and closely allied to Russia throughout their history.

A few years ago this prophecy of Ezekiel seemed remote. Yet today, we have seen these countries silently infiltrated and taken over by Russia, and brought under the hammer and the sickle together with the other Slavic people to the north of Palestine. This, then, said Ezekiel 2,500 years ago, would comprise the great northern federation of Gog and Magog, and we are today living in the very day of the fulfillment of these prophecies. The name, Gog, means Russia, the location identifies Russia, its allies are the nations today already under the sway, or almost so, of Russia, and the evidence is most complete.

RUSSIA'S POLICY

The fourth thing in these chapters which identifies Gog and Magog is the description given by Ezekiel of the policies and the program of Russia today. Ezekiel tells us about this in chapter 38:10-12:

"Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come

into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:"

And then the next verse goes on to tell what this evil thought of Russia would be. Here it is, astounding and arresting in the light of Russia's program in the past few years:

"And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unvalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates."

Ezekiel 38:11

How easy it is to see Russia's policy in these words! Her program has been, and is one of aggression against weak and defenseless nations. They are described as lands of unprotected villages, without walls and defenses. By subtle propaganda and infiltration she will seek, to overrun and overpower her weaker neighbors; by fifth column activities, false promises, propaganda, and by intimidation. This prophecy is utterly amazing in the light of recent years. We have but to mention Russia's taking over Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Yugoslavia, and a host of other smaller nations, and now more recently China, Korea, Indo-China, and still Russia marches on. In our former messages we predicted that Russia would not be defeated in Korea or in Indo-China. The events of the past weeks have corroborated and borne out this statement. God has clearly foretold that Russia will meet her doom, only in Palestine, when she meets up with the Western Alliance of nations under the leadership of a super-man upon the mountains of Israel. That is the place where God says the defeat of Russia will take place. Watch Palestine and the Middle East, for God has spoken, and when God speaks, He carries out His program. We are, and dare to be dogmatic about this fact, for we have the clear teaching of the Word of God in this matter. Russia's program of aggression, bit by bit, is running true to form according to prophecy. What a wonderful book—the Book—the Bible. Oh, that men would turn to this Book for their information and guidance in dealing with the present Russian crisis. Thank God, we need not as Christians, with an open Bible before us, be in darkness concerning the outcome of the present crisis. So far, then, we have been able to definitely identify Gog as Russia, first by the name which is

given to it, second its geographic location, third its allies, and fourth its policies and program.

THE TIME OF RUSSIA'S RISE

We call your attention to just one other positive identification, given in the Word of God, namely the time when this rise of Russia shall occur. First will you notice the position of Ezekiel 38 and 39 in the Scriptures. The preceding chapter, (Ezekiel 37) contains the prophecy of the valley of dry bones. It tells of Israel's restoration first back into the land of Palestine. Then Chapter 40, the chapter which follows 38 and 39, describes Israel's Kingdom rest and blessing after the second coming of Christ. Read those chapters and see in Chapter 37 Israel returning to Palestine, and then in Chapter 40 Israel at rest in Palestine, and then amazingly enough between these two chapters, we have Russia's final attack upon Israel and her utter defeat.

But in addition to this, the time is definitely stated by Ezekiel. In Ezekiel 38:8 we read:

"After many days thou shalt be visited: in the LATTER YEARS thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste."

And again, in verse 16, we read this:

"And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the LATTER DAYS, and I will bring thee against my land."

In perfect harmony with this, notice verse 14:

"Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?"

And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts."

These quotations identify the time when Russia shall make her attack upon Israel with absolute certainty. It will be after Israel is back in the land of Palestine. Now Israel is already in the land, and it is following Israel's restoration that these things shall come to pass, according to the Word of God.

But as we shall see in our next message, this final battle described in these chapters will not occur until after the Rapture of the Church, and during the tribulation period. We, therefore, have a right to look for the imminent return of our Lord as the next event in the program of God with the nations. The stage is all set, Israel is in the land, Russia is on the march, the United Nations described in Ezekiel 38 are seeking to organize, waiting only for one man, the Super-man of the last days to unite them against the King of the North. But before this Super-man, the Son of Perdition can appear, the Son of God will first come to take the Church of Jesus Christ to Himself before the final battle. Who knows how near that day may be?

EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS.

CHAPTER TWO

In our previous message on Gog and Magog we positively identified Gog as the leader and Magog as the land of Russia. God's description in Ezekiel 38 and 39 fits so perfectly with the rise of Russia in these latter days that the most skeptical mind must be convinced of the glory and the accuracy of this wonderful Word. Oh, that our diplomats and leaders might turn fully to what God has to say concerning this Russian threat of today.

WHEN WILL THIS BATTLE BE?

Today we wish to show you when this battle described in Ezekiel will take place according to the Word of God. It will be AFTER Israel is regathered in her own land. In chapter 38:14 we read:

"Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?

And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes."

Ezekiel 38:14-16

Two things are positively declared in these verses. First—Russia's defeat will only come when she swoops down upon the land of Palestine; and second—it will be after Israel has returned to the land. Now Israel is already in the land as a nation and enjoying a precarious and temporary peace. And so the stage is already set for Russia's ultimate thrust. How much farther she will go with her diversion moves in other countries, such as the Balkans, Korea, Indo-China, Western Europe and Nepal, before she

strikes at her real target, Israel and the land of Palestine, we do not know, but there seems very little left to prevent her from striking at any time.

In the recent conference between our President and the Prime Minister of Britain, it was reported that they agreed that the defense of Western Europe was the all-important thing before our strength is sapped by secondary attempts to stop Russia in other theatres of war, such as Korea and Indo-China. How I wish that I could remind them that according to the Word of God, the real area of defense must be in the Middle East and the land of Israel. Over a dozen verses in these two chapters alone, of Ezekiel, tell us that the final battle with Russia must be fought over Palestine, and there only will it be decided.

But now to return to the question of just when this battle will occur. We have already proved that it will be AFTER Israel's return to the land. It will also be before Israel's final establishment in the land under the reign of the Messiah. We can, therefore, definitely fix the time of Russia's defeat somewhere between Israel's national political restoration (which happened in the last two years) and the Second Coming of Christ at the end of the Tribulation. By the second coming of Christ, we refer, of course, to His return at the close of the Day of the Lord and the Tribulation upon this earth. We know, of course, that the rapture will occur seven years before this event called, "The Second Coming."

THE TRIBULATION

This brings us to the tribulation period. Since the Church will be raptured before the tribulation, Russia will not be completely defeated until after the Church of Jesus Christ has been caught away. Ezekiel gives us more than a hint that it will be in the Tribulation period. In Ezekiel 38:18 we read this:

"And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face."

For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking (earthquake) in the land of Israel;

So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground."

Ezekiel 38:18-20

"And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstones." Ezekiel 38:22

This immediately suggests the tribulation, and places the battle in the period called the "Day of the Lord." Compare this graphic description with other passages dealing with the tribulation. In Revelation 6:12 describing this same period of time we read:

"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains." Rev. 6:12, 15

This passage is so strikingly similar to Ezekiel's description that we have little difficulty in recognizing both to be in the tribulation period. Or, will you consider carefully this description of the tribulation in Revelation 16:20:

"And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent (120 pounds)." Rev. 16:20-21

Passages might be multiplied by the hundreds to show that Ezekiel places this battle in the middle of the tribulation period.

THE RAPTURE FIRST

We digress here for a moment to sound a note of comfort and cheer to the believer. Before this great battle takes place, Jesus is coming to take the Church unto Himself. We shall witness this battle from our place with Him in heaven. We will not be here according to the promises of the Word. We shall have our new, glorified bodies at that time, and be with Him forever, and our loved ones who have gone on before, to witness our King, guiding and directing His program for this earth, from a place of safety in heaven.

The description of this great earthquake, the sun and the moon darkened, and mountains leveled, and islands disappearing, fire and brimstone falling from heaven, strongly suggests atomic explosions and I personally believe the terrific disturbances of nature described in these chapters, as well as in Isaiah 13, Revelation 6, 1st Peter 3, will be the result of atomic explosions, probably set off by man himself. They fit the description so perfectly in the light of what we know today about atomic power. But thank God, we will not be here at that time, but we shall be with Him. The Word is very definite and clear on this. In Revelation 4:1-3 we have the rapture occurring before the breaking of the seven seals. In Isaiah 26, the rapture occurs before the day of vengeance of our God. In 1st Thessalonians 5, Paul, after telling of the awful judgment of the tribulation days, says:

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, (and a study of this passage reveals it is the wrath of the tribulation) but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 5:9

Then again, in Revelation 3:10 we read this:

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

Rev. 3:10-11.

And again in Luke 21:28 Jesus says after His very graphic description of the coming tribulation during which the great battle will occur; (read Luke 21 in the light of this verse). Here is the promise:

"And when these things (the things during the tribulation described by Jesus) come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Luke 21:28

And again, in this same connection, Jesus says in Luke 21:36:

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape ALL THESE THINGS that shall come to pass, (during the tribulation described in Luke 21) and to stand before the Son of man."

Luke 21:36

Time would utterly fail us to quote numerous other passages, assuring the believer that Jesus will come for us before that great and terrible day of the Lord. That, beloved, is our only hope today, that, my fellow-believer, is our only comfort—that is our "Blessed Hope". Jesus is coming again to call us out with all the dead in Christ, and to take us forever unto Himself. If I did not believe this with all of my heart, and soul, and strength, I would sink in utter despair. I think I should stop preaching a Bible which could not be trusted and believed. But, bless the Lord, His Word is true, and only the believer has the answer to the problems of a dying world and age. Rejoice, O Christian, lift up your heads!

"For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Hebrews 10:37

But what shall we say to those of you who are still without the Lord Jesus Christ? Until you come to Him personally, and receive Him as your Saviour, no one can hold out a single ray of hope for you. There is no other answer for the world's ills and for your sin apart from the Lord Jesus Christ. According to the Word of God, things will not improve and get better, but will rapidly become worse and worse and worse, the nations preparing for war till suddenly the Lord takes His own home unto Himself, and then will break upon this earth the terrible tribulation, with pestilence and with sorrow and famine and war, supernatural monstrosities from the pit swarming over the earth, hailstones weighing a hundred and twenty pounds falling upon men, until it culminates in the great battle of Ezekiel 38, and then soon after that, the final battle of Armageddon. We shall deal with the Russian defeat, and the battle of Armageddon to follow in our next message.

But if you are still unsaved, you cannot afford to wait that long. It may then already be too late. Death may overtake you, or the Lord may come. And once the Lord has taken out his Church, all hope for you will be past forever. Those who have never heard the gospel may still repent and be saved after the rapture, but for you who hear it now and reject it, the door will be shut, and you will have to pass through the judgment of that awful day, and then perish in the lake of fire forever. Think what it will mean if Jesus should come this week, or within the next day. You would not hear my voice next week on these broadcasts as you have. My voice would be silent, for I should then be with Him. I wonder what program you would hear on this usual hour of the Radio Bible Class. Every believer would be gone—no one to pray for you. Every born-again gospel preacher would be gone—no one to plead with you as I am pleading with you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit in abiding presence would be gone—no one to convict you.

Oh, my precious friend, don't put off believing and receiving Christ as your Saviour, for one of these days it will be all over. Trust Him now, before it is forever and ever too late.

But you say, I want to be saved, but I don't know how. Listen, let me tell you. Right where you are, bow your

head and cry to God for mercy. Tell Him that you will, the best that you can, (that's all that God expects) trust His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, believe on Him who died and rose to save you, and "Thou shalt be saved." If we can help you in any way to make this clear, we shall be very happy to hear from you. Drop us a line and we shall send you material which will help you to make your decision for the Lord Jesus.

CHAPTER THREE

In our previous two messages on the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38 and 39, we have established the fact that Magog is the country of Russia, and Gog is its end-time ruler. Gog is the prince of Rosh, and the verse is correctly translated as many have pointed out, "The Prince of Rosh or Russia." The countries associated with her, Iran, Cush, Phut, Germany and Togarmah, are stated to be her allies in the end-time struggle. Then we also showed that Russia's program as described in Ezekiel, is a program of infiltration and propagandizing of weaker nations, and if necessary, overwhelming them by brute military force. This according to the Word of God will continue until Russia attacks her ultimate goal in the land of Palestine and God's ancient people, Israel, where she will be finally defeated by a federation of western nations after the pattern of the present United Nations of today. We shall have more to say about that later. Five-sixths of Russia's armies will be killed in this Palestinian battle, and the remnant (only 16% of the original armies) will be driven back into the uttermost parts of Siberia.

RUSSIA'S ARMIES

Before taking up the question of the relation between the Gog of Ezekiel and the Gog mentioned in Revelation 20 and verse 8, we wish to point out a few details concerning Russia's armies, already prophesied by Ezekiel over twenty-five hundred years ago. In Ezekiel 38:7 we read this verse. God is speaking to Russia:

"Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, AND BE THOU A GUARD UNTO THEM."

Notice very carefully that last phrase, "Be thou (Russia) a guard unto them" — that is, to the lesser nations associated with the Gog of Russia. Now the word, guard, is "Mishmar" in the original Hebrew. It comes from the root word, "shamar" which means to "protect" or to "watch over" or to "save". Gog, then, is said in this verse, to assume the role of the protector and the saviour of its allies, the countries which it has conquered. One cannot fail to see the present propaganda plans of Russia

in all of this. By her fifth column activities and subtle infiltration and through her many occult front organizations throughout the world, Russia today has set herself up as the saviour of the world. She promises to those who submit to her communistic slavery, protection and salvation from the terrible fate of being crushed and swallowed up by the so-called capitalistic and imperialistic war mongers of America and Great Britain. That has been Russia's slogan over and over again, to the point of nausea. We have heard it to the very point of disgust from the lips of such as a Vishinsky, a Gromyko, and a Stalin, and all the lesser puppets who only know how to repeat the master's voice. That is Russia's cry today — The Soviet Union is the saviour of the world. We will save you from the awful doom of the capitalistic imperialism of the Western War Mongers.

Well, God said this would happen way back in Ezekiel 38. Russia would win over the smaller trembling nations with her flimsy lie of protection against her enemies promising to be a guard over them. How wonderful and true is the Word of God.

HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Another arresting revelation concerning Russia in this chapter is the description of her armies, as being composed of a great host of cavalymen. Ezekiel mentions a great army of horses and horsemen in verse 4. In verse 15 we read again of these great numbers of cavalry divisions:

"And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses." Ezekiel 38:15

Daniel in describing this great battle tells us of the same thing in Daniel 11:40:

"And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north (Russia) shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships."

Here Daniel tells of Russia's great tanks, horsemen,

and ships. It is already a well-known fact that Russia possesses an unbelievable number of the latest tanks and probably the greatest navy of submarine ships in all the world. But our interest lies now especially in the horses which are mentioned. Russia has always been known for its breeding of horses. In addition to her vast mechanical forces, she has an unknown host of horsemen today. It is well-known that in the last war, Germany's mechanized forces were met and virtually overcome by mounted Russian Cossacks. The Cossacks of Russia's earlier days are too well known to historians, and today, there is a revival of this mounted program once more. Russia has been breeding, we are told, and producing a new breed of horses far superior to any known before in endurance and in stamina and resistance, especially in the coldest of weather. The most recent statistics reveal that Russia owns some 70% of all the horses in the entire world today. In mountainous terrain where heavy artillery cannot go horses are able to travel with ease. In the mountains of Israel the last battle of Russia will be fought by great cavalry divisions.

5000 IN KOREA

And now right while we are reading in Ezekiel 38 about Russia's horses, my daily newspaper comes out with the information that one of our military leaders has been under severe criticism in Korea for allowing five thousand mounted communist horsemen to cross the Yalu river against our forces, without even being detected by our observers and reconnaissance planes. Very interesting indeed (even though it is tragic) in the light of God's Word.

I have gone into some of these details to show you how infallibly accurate is this Word of God, and to urge you to study this Book if you ever would be abreast of the times and know what is going to happen. Oh, that the leaders of the nations would turn to God's Word to find God's program. How I wish that I or someone else who sees these truths could gain the ear of those who are today seeking to guide our Ship of State through the rocky shoals of a humanly unknown and uncharted sea.

THE GOG OF REVELATION

And now we feel that we should devote a little to the study of the difference between the Gog and Magog of

Ezekiel, and the Gog and Magog of Revelation 20, for they are not in any sense the same, nor do they come at the same time. The Apostle John speaks of another Gog in Revelation 20:

*"And when the thousand years are expired,
Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,*

*And shall go out to deceive the nations which
are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and
Magog, to gather them together to battle: the
number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*

*And they went up on the breadth of the earth,
and compassed the camp of the saints about, and
the beloved city: and fire came down from God
out of heaven, and devoured them.*

*And the devil that deceived them was cast into
the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and
the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day
night for ever and ever."*

Rev. 20:7-10

I have quoted this entire passage so that you may be able to contrast it clearly with the record of Gog and Magog in Ezekiel, which we have been particularly studying. Notice the striking differences between them:

First, the time of battle is entirely different in these two instances. In Ezekiel, Gog comes against Palestine during the tribulation period. In Revelation the rebellion of Gog is one thousand years later, after the millennium.

Second, the Gog of Ezekiel comes from the north. In Revelation Gog's armies come from the four corners of the earth.

Third, since the word "Gog" means "prince", Russia's hordes in the tribulation are led by the Prince of Russia, while in Revelation 20, the Gog, or Prince is Satan himself, the Prince of this world.

Fourth, in Ezekiel Gog, or the Prince of Russia, is against Israel and God is against Gog, while in Revelation it is Gog against God and the saints of God in Jerusalem.

Fifth, the armies of Russia in Ezekiel fall upon the mountains of Israel, and the remnants of only one-sixth of them are driven back into the north parts (probably Siberia) and possibly become the nucleus of the deceived nations to be destroyed in Revelation after the millennium. The armies in Ezekiel 38 are destroyed by the sword and it takes seven months to bury their bodies in the land of Palestine.

However, in Revelation 20, Gog never gets a chance to join battle, but before a single shot is fired, God intervenes and sends fire from heaven, and destroys them. They are plunged alive into their doom, the Devil is cast into the lake of fire with the beast and false prophet, and then follows the last judgment at the Great White Throne, and all the wicked are cast finally into hell.

THE NEXT EVENT

It is quite clear then, that Russia's road today leads directly to her defeat in the not distant future in the land of Israel, by a mighty federation of nations, patterned after the present United Nations now struggling with this very problem. Russia will not be in this United Nations anymore in the tribulation time but will be entirely on her own. The Federation of Nations which God will use to destroy Russia will be under the leadership of the Superman, the Man of Sin, the Beast out of the Sea of Revelation 13. Russia has declared war upon God, and since the Russian revolution of 1918 things have come thick and fast, and it seems that we are now nearing the climax. Gog has set its face against Almighty God, virtually making it a crime to believe in God, forbidding the right of religious assemblies, and substituting for God in the schools, the philosophy of Marxism and anti-God propaganda. Mothers are forbidden to teach their children about Christ, and Russia's ultimate purpose and aim is the destruction of all Christians and all of Israel from the face of the earth.

How long it will be until God steps in we cannot tell, but the indications are that this cannot continue much longer. God's next move will be the return of our precious Lord Jesus Christ, and then the hour of the world's greatest judgment and trial will come without any warning, and God Himself will take a hand in the settling of the affairs of the nations.

A careful study of the prophecy of Joel which we recommend to you will show you there are two great battles mentioned in Joel's prophecy, one in the second chapter, and one in the third. In Joel chapter two we have the northern army coming down with its terrible destruction, only to meet defeat, but in the third chapter of Joel we have another battle, subsequent to this one, in which all the nations of the world will be engaged, and these in turn will be judged by God Himself. From the picture it seems quite clear that God will permit a Federation of Nations patterned after the United Nations under the leadership of the Man of Sin, to destroy Russia, and then God Himself will later destroy this Federation of Nations because of their rejection of God Himself. As we see the nations lined up today between east and west, Russia and her allies, against the rest of the nations of the World, we have a foreshadowing of that which lies within the very near future. How soon it will be no one knows, but we confidently believe that the coming of the Lord is drawing very near.

And so in closing this message, we would address ourselves once more to those of you who are still without the Lord Jesus Christ. How I would like to plead with you not to put off your salvation a moment longer in the light of conditions which are happening so rapidly round about us today. The Christian, of course, has no fear, for all these events assure our hearts and establish our faith, sharpen our joy in the knowledge that soon our Lord Jesus Christ will be here. But to those of you who are still outside, we want to warn you upon the authority of the infallible Word of God, to "Flee from the wrath to come" before it is forever too late. May God help you.

CHAPTER FOUR

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:

And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, which dwell in the midst of the land.

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? Ezekiel 38:10-13

The Bible clearly foretells that Russia will in the latter days seek to conquer and subjugate all the world to communism and the ungodly anti-Christian, anti-God philosophy of its founders. She will go far in her attempt, only to meet utter defeat when she finally invades the land of Israel. When that happens she will meet her Waterloo.

In the Scripture at the beginning of this chapter, God reveals the nations which will oppose Russia in this battle and overcome her. We have already seen the nations that will be aligned with her, but in the thirteenth verse of Ezekiel 38 we have the nations mentioned which will be used of the Lord to defeat Russia. These nations mentioned here are Sheba, Dedan and Tarshish. When Russia marches down to Palestine in about the middle of the tribulation period, she will be met by a vast army, led by the superman, the anti-christ of the end time. He will lead a mighty host against Russia with the resultant destruc-

tion of Russia's hordes. At the end of this tribulation period God Himself will then judge the anti-christ and his mighty armies, whom God first used to destroy the northern army of Gog. Just as God used Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to chasten and to punish Israel, and then destroyed Nebuchadnezzar himself afterwards, so God will use the Man of Sin, and his end-time army of federated nations, the revived Roman Empire, to drive Russia out of Palestine, and then in the battle of Armageddon destroy this federation of nations itself, gathered under the anti-christ at the second coming of Jesus Christ at the close of the tribulation period.

ORDER OF EVENTS

This then is the order of events, as given in the Bible. First, Israel must be back in the land as a nation. This of course, we all know has already occurred as recently as two years ago. Then Russia will press her program of piece-meal aggression, swallowing defenseless countries, one after another, all the time having in mind the ultimate goal of her conquest of the Middle East and Palestine. Before Palestine is invaded, however, the Church will be raptured to be with her Lord in Heaven.

Then, after the Church is gone, the anti-christ will unite the Western nations, now represented before the rapture by the United Nations as yet far from united and will weld them into a great federation which will establish Israel in the land, rebuild the temple, and befriend the nation of Israel. It is then that Russia will sweep down upon Palestine only to be defeated by the united group of nations of the future under the anti-christ.

It is then that the anti-christ will reveal his own wicked designs, and suddenly turn upon Israel whom he had befriended before, and after the defeat of Russia, set up the image of abomination in Jerusalem and seek to exterminate the seed of Jacob himself. If God would not intervene, he would succeed, but the Lord steps in. We read in the Scriptures, "Except those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

THE SHIPS OF TARSHISH

Now this pattern of things appears perfectly clear from

the Scriptures, if one will study it carefully. We wish to call your attention especially to Ezekiel 38 and verse 13. After Russia comes to take the spoil of Palestine and has subjected the defenseless countries to her communistic rule, she will be opposed by certain nations which will stand in her way. Let me quote the verse again:

"Sheba and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?"

Ezekiel 38:13

We see from this verse that Russia's advances are protested and opposed by these armies and her motives questioned, and these countries are called Dedan, Sheba, Tarshish and her young lions. Now Sheba according to Bible expositors referred to the Arabian tribes in the south of Arabia, and Dedan refers to a people in the same area, and from the context it seems very, very evident that they are the African colonies which are associated with Tarshish in this last final battle. But when we come to the name, Tarshish, we have but little difficulty in identifying many of the United Nations who will defeat Russia in that day.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE

The name, Tarshish, occurs about twenty times in the Scriptures. A careful study of these passages reveals some very interesting things. I have had a most profitable time looking up each one of these passages in its setting and context, and some wonderful truths have been brought to light. I mention a number of them which point very definitely to one nation, and her allies.

1. The Jews spake of Tarshish as the uttermost land in their knowledge, the land which was farthest west from Palestine. In those days, of course, nothing was known of the western hemisphere and to the Jews in Palestine the land to uttermost west could, therefore, mean only England and the British Isles.

2. We are further told that Tarshish was a merchant nation. Its pre-eminence lay in the fact that it was a nation

of traders. Ezekiel speaks of the "merchants of Tarshish" in verse 13 of chapter 38, and it is also mentioned in other passages of Scriptures, especially in Jeremiah 23, from 1 to 14.

3. Tarshish was a maritime nation, its chief means of trading was by ships because of its island location. In 2nd Chronicles 9, verse 21; 2nd Chronicles 20:36; in Psalm 48:7; in Isaiah 2:16; and in Isaiah 23:6; as well as in Jonah, we have mention made of ships in connection with the country of Tarshish, so that the expression "ships of Tarshish" has become proverbial. In this connection remember that Britain has been the outstanding maritime nation of history. The slogan, "Britannia rules the waves" is too well known to all of us to leave any doubts in our minds.

4. Tarshish is identified as an island nation. The Bible speaks of the "isles" beyond the sea. By this the Israelite understood the islands beyond the Mediterranean. The word, "the Sea" or "Great Sea" was the Hebrew expression for the Mediterranean Sea. The only isles which are found there are the British Isles. (See Jeremiah 25:22)

5. Tarshish is also a nation with many colonies. Notice Ezekiel's words very carefully. Ezekiel says in the verse which we quoted, "the merchants of Tarshish with all the young lions thereof." Tarshish has cubs, called young lions, and we all know the familiar figure of a lion as the symbol of Britain. We speak of the British lion, and the figure of the lion on her banners is too well-known. We speak of the Lion of England, and know just exactly to what it refers.

But this lion has cubs, according to Ezekiel. Britain's colonization has produced a litter of mighty cubs: the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, and all her English-speaking allies, and her colonies in Africa, represented by Sheba and Dedan. There is not a shadow of doubt in my mind, therefore, after a diligent and exhaustive research that Dedan, Sheba and Tarshish in Ezekiel 38 can be nothing else than the Western Empires headed by Britain and her healthiest cub, the United States.

In passing may I remind you that these countries, Britain, the United States, Canada, Australia, and the

other English-speaking nations have always been the defenders of Israel, have always been kind to the Jews: over and over again they have given them haven, and protected them against their enemies, and defended them, even though in the handling of the Palestine problem many mistakes have been made for which God in turn will also judge these nations. We refer specifically to the terrible mistakes of seeking to divide the land of Palestine between the Arabs and the Jews. But generally speaking, they are the ones who have befriended Israel, and so we are not surprised to find in Ezekiel 38 that it will be these nations who will contest and question Russia's attempt to take Palestine, and under God defeat Gog and Magog when they come down in the tribulation period.

BRING IT UP-TO-DATE

Now in the light of all this prophecy, isn't it wonderful to see this Word of God unfolding before our very eyes? It is a well-known fact in military and diplomatic circles that the ultimate goal of Russia is Palestine, and the Middle East. That is no secret. Her treaty with Iran in 1932, her clever overtures to Israel, are too well known. But God will use these Western nations now represented by the present United Nations to defeat Russia's purpose. The result of this great battle we have dealt with in our previous booklet on "Russia" so we pass it by at this time. I suggest that you read very carefully the record in Ezekiel 39, which tells us of the defeat, the burial and the result of this great Russian invasion.

ARMAGEDDON

Now this battle between the United Nations of the end time and Russia, described in the Scriptures is not to be confused with the battle of Armageddon which comes later at the coming of Christ at the close of the tribulation period. The battle in Ezekiel 38 is between Russia and the United Nations of the tribulation period, Sheba, Dedan, Tarshish and her young lions. The battle of Armageddon is between these end-time Federated Nations and God Himself.

Neither must we confuse the present United Nations with the last great united federation of nations at Armageddon. Before the final battle occurs the Church will be

raptured. All believers will be taken out to be with the Lord, and there will not be a single Christian left upon the earth. It will then be a simple matter for the anti-Christ, the Man of Sin, to deceive the peoples who are left, and take over the United Nations and begin his vicious program of deception, and after being the instrument in God's hand to destroy Russia, will itself then be judged by God Almighty at Armageddon.

These things, beloved, are happening right before our eyes this very moment. Israel is already in the land after twenty-five hundred years of dispersion. That alone is sufficient indication of the end of the age. Add to this the phenomenal rise of the King of the North, Gog and Magog, and the picture becomes still clearer. Then add to all this the formation of the United Nations, headed up by the Lion of Tarshish, England, and the United States, as the only apparent thing which is able to retard Russia, and the picture becomes remarkably clear. It all adds up to the fulfillment of God's Word, it fits like a glove on a hand, a shoe on a foot, like a key in a lock. Can anyone read the Bible, then look at the current events, and not see this truth clearly and plainly written? There seems only one thing which stands between the ultimate fulfillment of the rest of prophecy, and that event is the return of Christ for His Church. Jesus Himself said:

*"And when these things begin to come to pass,
then look up, and lift up your heads; for your
redemption draweth nigh."*

Luke 21:28

The believer sees in all this the fulfillment of God's Holy Word, and the blessed hope of His return. Soon He that shall come will come, and will not tarry".

Now we have tried to give you an outline of the events about to happen in the future, as given in the Word of God. We have merely skimmed the surface, and have not been able to go into many of the details because of lack of time. However, we trust that these few words will stimulate your study, that you too may be ready when the Lord comes.

And to you who are unsaved, may I plead with you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to turn to Him now,

before it is forever too late. Everyone seems to be agreed that present conditions cannot continue very much longer. Then when Jesus comes, you shall have to give an account of what you have done with the promise in the Word of God, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

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